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Grand Knight's Greetings

Brother Knights,

This issue of our newsletter marks my last as your Grand Knight. Although there is much to do during the weeks ahead, it's not too soon to draw a retrospective of what our Council has achieved during the 2015-16 Fraternal Year. You should be justifiably proud of our collective record in the service of our Priests, Parish and Community. Your efforts out front as leaders, and just as importantly, those of you working behind the scenes, under the radar, and seemingly unnoticed, have made my year as Grand Knight enjoyable and rewarding.

My principal focus this past year was to increase the fraternal aspects of our association with each other and our Order. We endeavored to bring a genuine

sense of brotherhood to the many challenges we faced and the activities we undertook. With great appreciation, I think that high goal was accomplished.

The results speak volumes. We continued to sustain and often improve upon legacy programs initiated by those who went before us in Council #5561. Pancake Breakfasts, Dinner Dances (NYE Gala, Father-Daughter, St Patrick's Day, Ladies Appreciation, et al.); Feed the Hungry baskets were served to record numbers. Exemplifications also proceeded at a record pace, including

our first ceremony en Espanol. KOVAR collections set a new high water mark exceeding \$14,000. We also broke ground on new initiatives, many of unprecedented scope for our Council. The Grand Raffle stands out as a path-breaking exemplar of what we can achieve together, netting \$15,000 to fully fund our flagship charity, Feed the Hungry. The Council also opened



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The Next Ridgeline — Upcoming Events for MAY-JUNE

Volunteer Opportunity	Dates	POC
Pancake Breakfast*	May 8	SK Ed Cook
Knights Night	May 13	SK John Mazurkiewicz
2nd Degree Exemplification	June 4	GK Joe Tullington/DD Bill Boston
Knights Night*	June 10	SK John Mazurkiewicz
Other Activities		
Council Officer Elections	May 26	DGK JR Gearhart
KOVAR Drive	TBD	SK Steve L'Etoile
* - final event of the season		

Knights Organize Parish Youth Contests

During October and January, Council #5561 sponsored the annual Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Contests. Parish youth turned out in record numbers. Several of our winners advanced to the District 20 playoffs. One of our own, Sam Picassi, earned KofC State Champion honors in the Soccer competition.

Youth Programs Director, Brother Mark Nesbit, observed "The great turnout by our boys and girls for both of these events was wonderful. Volunteer support by our Brother Knights was especially gratifying and ensured an enjoyable time by our participants and their parents."

These contests are a key component of our Council's wider efforts to support Youth programs in St John the Evangelist parish. Youth activities fall under Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's 2016 "Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish" initiative. Beyond having great fun, the real goal of this work is the transmission of our faith and values to the next generation of Catholics.

In addition to the contests above, Council #5561 Knights organize many other programs which directly benefit our Parish's children. Among others, Ray Payette spearheaded the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Leo Pezzi an exciting 1940's era Swing Dance, Ed Cook & Dave VanDyke the annual Father-Daughters Dance, Charlie Sassi a Pasta Dinner, Tim Whitney the Knights Family Movie Night, and Ron Haley and Leo (again) a Family Pool Party. Brothers John Guyant, Adam Neal and Keith Peitler are also prominent leaders of our Trail Life USA – Troop 0313. (See KH, Vol 1, Issue 2).

Our young *confirmandi* are also included as an integral part of many activities sponsored by the Council. If there is more that the Knights should do to help promote Family and Youth activities in our parish, please annotate the enclosed Survey with your ideas. *Oh, Holy Family, orate pro nobis!*



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Grand Knight's Greetings cont.

a Library and stocked same with Catholic literature. And this Newsletter has been resurrected.

Equally important, many new Leaders have emerged among our Brothers to coordinate many of the aforementioned activities. New Knights stepped up to volunteer in big ways and small. Be assured, your tireless efforts were recognized and MADE A DIFFERENCE!

In every instance, Brothers were motivated by the fraternal bonds that unite us as Catholic men, members of the Mystical Body of Christ, fulfilling our duties, indeed charisma, as loyal

Knights and sons of the Church. I would be remiss if I failed to mention our Ladies Auxiliary without whom so much of what we endeavor to do simply could not be done, and certainly not as well.

In closing, my thanks to all that made my job so much easier, and I salute all of you – the best Council and best Knights in Virginia.

Vivat Jesus!

Joseph E. Tullington
Grand Knight, Council #5561

Our Council at a glance



1st Degrees - 38

2nd Degrees - 30

3rd Degrees - 254

4th degrees - 104

Council Library now open

Come browse and select a book to deepen your faith and knowledge...

Kudo Corner

Council #5561 Attaboys

Knight of the Month

Mar - **Brian McGinnis**
Phil Doucet
Jim Hunt



Family of the Month

Mar - **Jim & Marta Florin**

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Welcome Aboard 2nd Qtr 2016

First Degree (New Knights!)

Juan Arellano
Bill Hamilton
Alex Steib
George Swanburg
Roberto Perez

Second Degree

Bob Grouge
Charlie Morganegg

Fourth Degree

SK DJ Kingsford
SK Woody Berzins

Please congratulate these new Brothers on joining our ranks and sharing our journey.

Visit your Council Website at www.kofc5561.org to stay abreast of events, activities and news

Espiritualidad Del Padre

Un hombre con una misión...

El espíritu de la paternidad es la realización personal: para usted y para sus hijos

Supongamos que le dan a elegir: por un lado, el auto de sus sueños con todas las opciones y una casa de verano en la costa, y por el otro, una vida de duro trabajo diario compartida con gente que usted realmente ama y que lo ama de verdad.

¿Qué opción elegiría? Piénselo bien.

La respuesta depende de qué es lo que lo hace feliz de verdad. Si la felicidad y la realización personal no se limitan a la comodidad material, ¿dónde podemos acudir en busca de la verdad relativa a estos sentimientos?

Si bien siempre existe un límite para la cantidad de cosas que se pueden acumular o para la cantidad de autos que caben en el garaje, no existe límite para la cantidad de felicidad que el corazón humano puede recibir, o dar. Lo mismo ocurre con el amor.

En definitiva, el corazón humano busca el amor infinito y eterno de Dios...

Mas en: <http://bit.ly/1XONIXE>

State Deputy's Award

The State Deputy's Award is given to Councils that have demonstrated the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity during the Columbian year (July 1-June 30). Our Council was the only one in our District to receive the award!



The criteria for the award consists of performing/supporting various activities, and/or providing monetary support to at least four events in each of six different categories, including: Culture of Life, Youth, Council, Community, Family, and Church.

Some of the major activities our council supported include the Feed the Hungry Food Basket distribution, KCIC (Keep Christ in Christmas) Christmas Card sales, Weekly Bible Discussion (led by Dr Jim Dobbins), KOVAR Collection, Council Christmas Party, Widow's Brunch, Ladies' Appreciation Dinner, Youth Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Competition, and the Father/Daughter Dinner Dance. Donations were given to Seminarian Sean Koehr and Sister Mary Bernard, the Paul Stefen House, and the Metal Health Association.

(Pictured: GK Joe Tullington and District Deputy Bill Boston.)